



OCTOBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Greetings, Gardeners!

Hope all have a chance to visit Granville sometime in October and see the Scarecrow Festival and the additions to the Pauline Johnson Memorial Garden (see pictures at end of the newsletter). All our locations are looking good and it won't be long before the beds are put down for a rest. Many hard-working members will be resting as well!

We will be having a Zoom meeting on Monday night (Oct. 19) and we will be visiting Sarah Johnson's garden. Once again, I learned many gardening tips from her and I think you will as well. Next month, Lucas Holman will be speaking to us via Zoom. I always look forward to him and his informative and humorous presentations.

The Putnam County Fair Board is asking that when the fairground is sold that possession would not be taken until after the regular fair time of August 2021. This would allow them to accrue some much-needed funds. If you personally think is a good idea, please call your county commissioner and share your thoughts.

Serina very kindly allowed us to visit and tour her flower farm. Most of the flowers are looking a little tired and some of them are just gone, but the dahlias are fabulous. Serina also shared seeds with us and we discussed proper planting times.

Get those rakes out! Looks as if we are going to need them soon.

Keep Blooming,
Vicky Draper



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Continuing Education Opportunities

UT Extension Zoom Meetings Continue:

If you have not yet registered to attend UT Extension Zoom meetings, click this link: [Friday Focus Registration](#). This will put you on a mailing list.

You can always access recordings of earlier sessions:

May 8th session in Knoxville:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzeWcz0Mnwc&list=PL1yNe3Yb9E34B_oHDVbLaJxAol1iQcZ63&index=2&t=2474s

May 22nd session in Greeneville:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bPIC37bl2M&list=PL1yNe3Yb9E34B_oHDVbLaJxAol1iQcZ63&index=3&t=15s

Resources mentioned at May 22 session:

Brand new school garden publication written by Anna and Rachel

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W877.pdf>

Plus, a video of some of the great MGs in Rutherford County sharing about their composting system: <https://youtu.be/89zvDfGWezI>

June 5th session I Murfreesboro:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNHk9nlv80&feature=youtu.be>

June 19th session in Memphis:

<https://youtu.be/HK2OuGSSBFU>

July 3rd session in Knox County:

<https://youtu.be/vZazUJFn2YM>

July 17th session in Jackson:

<https://youtu.be/OC3EtIiXKyk>

July 31st session in Chattanooga:

https://youtu.be/3hC9WxzF_E4

August 7 Sevier County video:

<https://youtu.be/14UUpSVlvDA>

August 14th Roane County video:

<https://youtu.be/EVwo0aZGTgg>

August 21st Fayette County video:

https://youtu.be/-WUhrT1I_uE

August 28th Williamson County video:

<https://youtu.be/O5nbboYE7Mg>

Sept. 11 Crossville video:

<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/614381911>

For more information about the Plateau Discovery Garden, connect to:

<https://www.facebook.com/UTgardenscrossville/>

A Visit to Serina's gardens

Wednesday, October 14, several members of the Putnam County Master Gardeners toured the gardens that provide the wares for the blooming flower business of Petal & Rake Farm, owned and operated by Serina Wells.



We viewed a wide range of flowers and plants—some getting ready to retire for the season and others still going strong. We saw some old friends like dahlia and larkspur and some new and unusual plants like the Mexican sage pictured on the next page. The purple flowers feel just like velvet. But not all was serious learning as Serina's girls demonstrated how to use their zip line. However, none of the PCMG members had the courage to try it themselves!



*If you'd like to share your gardening experience through the newsletter, send a short article and pictures to pcmgnewsletter@gmail.com



For more information about Petal & Rake, check out the website at www.petalandrake.com or visit the Petal & Rake Facebook page.



Next Virtual PCMG Meeting

Monday, October 19 at 6:00 PM. Remember that your invitation to the meeting will come from Wayne Key and no one else.

Manure Anyone?

I have a growing pile of horse manure that has been percolating for three years and will be turning it shortly thereby exposing some awesome black compost. If anyone is interested in obtaining some (free!) contact me at the PCMG email address below.

[Take the PCMG survey](#)

**Send a picture of yourself to pcmgnewsletter.com once you complete the survey. Please include your name in the file name. And to those of you who have already completed it, please send a photo as well or else we'll dig something up out of the archives!*



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